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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 32-34 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The method of [claims 1 or] claim 2, wherein said CDK is
CDC2a.

4. (Amended) The method of [any one of] claims 1 [to 3,] or 2 wherein said
CDK is derived from *Arabidopsis thaliana*.